



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

WRIT - C No. - 10966 of 2026

Vinod Kumar Chaubey

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 5 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)

: Pawan Giri

Counsel for Respondent(s)

: C.S.C., Santosh Kumar Singh

Court No. - 37

HON'BLE VINOD DIWAKAR, J.

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, Shri Santosh Kumar Singh; learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 2, and learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel for the State-respondents.
2. The present writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned order dated 27.11.2025 passed by the Commissioner, Varanasi Division, Varanasi, whereby the petitioner's 'No Objection Certificate' for grant of licence for installation of a petrol pump has been rejected on the ground that the petitioner is involved in two criminal cases, as well as the order dated 11.06.2024 passed by the Additional District Magistrate (City), District Varanasi.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there exists no policy under which the Commissioner could have rejected the N.O.C. He further submits that the impugned rejection has been made in utter violation of the guidelines issued by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.
4. Shri Santosh Kumar, learned counsel for respondent no. 2, prays for and is granted two weeks' time to file a counter affidavit. Rejoinder affidavit, if any, may be filed within one week thereafter.
5. List this case as fresh on 20.05.2026.

April 7, 2026
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(Vinod Diwakar,J.)